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FOR ACTING SECRETARY FOR PRESIDENT FROM SECRETARY.

QUOTE "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"TODAY'S TALKS WERE SO PRODUCTIVE THAT I HAVE MY FINGERS CROSSED. AFTER EARLY MORNING SESSIONS WITH VON BRENTANO AND COUVE DE MURVILLE WHICH WERE MOST HELPFUL TO ME IN CONNECTION WITH LATER MEETINGS, I ASKED FOR PRIVILEGE OF MAKING OPENING STATEMENT IN WHICH I STRESSED WITH SOME SEVERITY THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR REACHING AGREEMENT ALONG LINES OF AMERICAN PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO PRESENT STRONG UNITED FRONT AT GENEVA.

"DURING TODAY WE REACHED SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS INCLUDING TACTICS WITH ONLY ONE DIFFICULT CHORE LEFT FOR DRAFTING GROUP DEALING WITH THE SECURITY PARAGRAPHS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FRENCH AND GERMAN POSITIONS.

"WHEN THE QUESTION AROSE AS TO POSSIBLE FALLBACK POSITIONS ON BERLIN, I INSISTED, SINCE MUCH PREPARATORY WORK HAD BEEN DONE, THAT NO DECISION BE REACHED SINCE I WAS CERTAIN OF A LEAK AND SO FALL BACK POSITIONS WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE BECOME OUR FIRST POSITION. ALL HAPPILY AGREED.

"I HAVE ALSO HAD A LONG PRIVATE TALK WITH SELWYN LLOYD ON NUMBER OF MINOR MATTERS, BUT PRIMARILY ON THE MACMILLAN-KHRUSHCHEV CORRESPONDENCE, WHICH I WILL TELL TO YOU ON MY RETURN.

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"WE HOPE TO FINISH OUR WORK TOMORROW WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF A REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFTS SO WILL PROBABLY BE RETURNING A DAY EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.

"FAITHFULL"

"SIGNED: CHRIS." UNQUOTE

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